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Plans Set for Paving Wilson Ranch, Duncan Roads in Phelan

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved plans for paving stretches of Wilson Ranch Road and Duncan Road in the Phelan area.

"This project will provide better access for emergency services as well as improved safety and convenience for the residents of Phelan," said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. "I want to thank the County departments and Phelan residents who have worked in partnership to improve the transportation system in the area."

The Duncan Road/Wilson Ranch Road improvement project consists of grading and paving on two dirt roads and installation of traffic signs and striping. The Duncan Road portion of the project is between Johnson Road and Wilson Ranch Road, a distance of approximately two miles. The Wilson Ranch Road portion is from Duncan Road south to Goss Road, a distance of one mile.

The improvement of these and other roads listed as priority projects for the High Desert Transportation Facilities Plan reflect a cooperative effort among the County Fire Department, Department of Public Works and the Phelan Municipal Advisory Council to construct a backbone of roads that will improve access and safety.

To minimize the environmental impacts, Joshua trees will be relocated and a monitor will be on hand to ensure proper procedures are followed in case the threatened desert tortoise or Mojave ground squirrel are present.

The projects will now go out to bid with a contract scheduled to be awarded in late April. Construction will begin shortly after the contract award and is due to be complete in late July. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.8 million.